

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 were originally filed in this patent application. In response to a restriction requirement, applicant chose to proceed with claims 4-8. Claim 4 has been amended herein. Claims 26-31 have been added. Claims 4-8, and 26-31 are currently pending.

In the pending office action claims 4-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by East. No claims were allowed.

REMARKS

Rejection of claims 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by East.

Applicant has amended claim 4, and traverses the Examiner's finding of anticipation for claims 4-8. The cited art, singularly or in combination, does not teach or suggest the invention in the amended claims 4-8. The East reference is concerned with managing the configuration of a network of thin clients. A thin client is a software application running on a networked computer that accesses data stored on a file server.

Claim 4

In contrast to the cited art, the claimed invention herein includes "a server computer system that includes model configuration settings that specify desired operating system configuration settings for a plurality of computer operating systems." East does not teach or suggest having model configuration settings for different computers having different operating systems.

Claims 5-8

Claims 5-8 depend on claim 4 which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claims 5-8 are therefore allowable as depending on an allowable independent claim. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

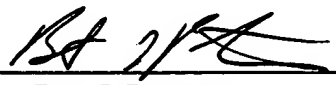
New claims 26-31

New independent claim 26 has limitations similar to limitations in claim 4. No new matter has been added. Examination is respectfully requested for these new claims.

Conclusion

In summary, none of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination, teach, support, or suggest the unique combination of features in applicants' claims presently on file. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that all of applicants' claims are allowable. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

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